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## It's a race to the Jell-O finish

By **DAVID HARRISON**

With Jell-O® in an and plus an opaque, ready container made a big mess in the Sanctuary on Oct. 13 while participating in a green Jell-O® eating contest.

The only rules were students could not use their hands to touch their bowls, only the plastic spoons that were given to them, and had to be identified to make the challenge a fair contest. Otherwise, students were encouraged in attempts creative ways of finishing their portion first.

Conquering Students Inc., which held the contest, also offered participants the choice of cherry, orange or blue raspberry Jell-O®. Students had some interesting tactics for finishing their portion first. Some dug at their bowls with the spoon as fast as they could, while

others parked up the bowls with their mouths and tried to drink the watery dessert.

"When doing a lot of eating contests all year long," said CCI event coordinator, Mary Hovest, "I'd thought Jell-O® was a fun idea."

Lucky winners had a choice of picking a mystery prize, such as a signed *Macmillan* T-shirt.

First-year male (anonymous) student David St. Denis and winner of the first round was excited about his win.

"When I came to the Sanctuary today, I didn't know I'd be winning \$400," he said.

Second-round winner David Schick, a first-year male student, had another reaction prior to his triumph.

Jell-O® makes going up the same," he said, looking pained. "It was totally worth it."



Students sit down Jell-O in an effort to be the first one finished in order to win a mystery prize. Conquering Students Inc. held the Jell-O eating contest in the Sanctuary on Oct. 13. For more photos see Page 6.

## Engineering students launch potatoes

By **LAURA HARRISON**

On Oct. 6, Conquest's mechanical engineering, robotics and automation class had one last project to launch before going home for Thanksgiving weekend.

At noon on the Friday, the second-year students assembled in the former's Gold across from Conquest College Boulevard to display and fire the potato launchers they had built as an assignment for their problem-solving and design class.

"They had a choice of what type of catapult to make, as we stated in a mechanical launch," said Henry Baxton, the teacher of the course. "The students are working on accuracy, design, and creativity."

The mechanical catapults had to hit a 50-meter target while the air-cushioned launchers had to hit a 100-meter target. Of the six teams, four catapults were air-cushioned and two were mechanical.

"Each team member has a role," said Matt Lakin, the team leader for Team Spudnik.

"They are a supervisor, a timekeeper, a photographer and a person who does the mechanical drawings. But we all worked together to run

tribute to the project."

"This project involved a lot of team work," said Lakin. "Each member of the team. It took every one's contribution to reach the goal and everyone's idea helped. Even if we didn't use it, we could work off it."

Construction and engineering were not allowed and the students were required to build their own materials to build the potato launchers.

"There is no textbook required for this class, so that means some money for the students," said Koster. "Team Spudnik made a type of catapult called a trebuchet."

"The reason why our group chose to make a trebuchet was because it was a challenge. We each poured at least 40 hours into our project," said Lakin.

Eventually Team Spudnik had to switch from potatoes to rocks.

"The rocks didn't move as much," said Bryan Vandenberg, another team member. "We release mechanisms all depends on weight."

The team's trebuchet shot a mean team of 80 meters, and they were within three meters of their 50-meter target. "What was a huge factor that day," said Lakin.



Photo by **LAURA HARRISON**

Andrew Foster, back, from left: Bryan Vandenberg and Evan Plumbly and front, from left: Nathan, Mikko (Matt) Lakin and Matt Foster proudly show off their trebuchet, on Oct. 6. The potato launcher was built as a design assignment. This group had to launch rocks because they needed the extra weight.

## Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

If you could choose, what Disney character would you be?



"I would be Prince Eric because she is rich and attractive or I would be Aladdin."

**Jordan Chalmers,**  
second-year  
student writer

"I chose the elephant from Toy Story 3 because he is intelligent and so much fun."

**Barth Sherr,**  
first-year  
journalism press



"I'd be Simba because he is powerful."

**Bailey Raymond,**  
second-year  
police foundation

"I would want to be Jafar because he has his own staff."

**Carly Keeles,**  
undergraduate  
police foundation



"I would want to be Jasmine because she rebels against the normal stuff."

**Katherine Hill,**  
first-year  
student

"I would want to be Belle because she is caring and saves the good in others."

**Barbie Sandjak,**  
first-year  
KJAF



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PHOTO BY LARA ALMEIDA

Lara Almeida poses for a picture outside of Conestoga's Green Campus on Oct. 8. Almeida is one of 20 students taking the second-year advanced standing leadership of community and criminal justice program.

## New program blends justice and a helping hand

By LARA ALMEIDA

Conestoga doesn't want its graduates playing good cop/bad cop.

Which is why a new program — launched this fall — was formed. The four-year bachelor of community and criminal justice program deliberately balances the two sides of working with people as trouble with the law. We think a turbulence between social work and law enforcement, the police-minded students learn about mental health issues, and the social work-minded students learn about justice.

This concept, in the other college world, doesn't always exist.

"In my 30 years of experience in criminal justice, I was often frustrated by the pull forces on those who were involved in enforcement and those that were involved in helping," said Wayne Morris, chair of the program. In the past, Morris worked in our various spending years in detention centres and in prison

facilities and parole.

The developers went about the program in an unusual way, by asking employees what they were looking for in the people they hire.

**It was a popular concept, with 240 first-year applicants scrambling for 30 spots.**

Traveling to halfway homes and youth centres, the community employees attached out their ideal employee, and the program was built around it.

"You can only be an effective practitioner if you understand your audience with the law, but equally as important to be understood the individuals with who you are dealing and what has brought them into conflict with the

law," said Morris. Even, co-developer of the program. She added that in many cases, it's about poverty and mental illness at the root of an individual's issues.

"The new program is running its first year as well as an advanced standing second year for students who have already taken education in a related field and are looking to upgrade to a BA."

And it was a popular concept, with 240 first-year applicants scrambling for 30 spots.

Lara Almeida was accepted into the second year of the program after attending Georgian Brown College, where she took the human services counselor program. She was happy to see Conestoga was taking the bachelor's program because of what she would do if it wasn't offered here.

"I wish would have been put off the another year until I could find a school as necessary that could be helpful to me," she said.

### JUST-SITCH ABOUT



# Employment rules push boundaries

By KAREN HUNTER

"In your own words, explain diversity."

This is one of the questions Heather Chisholm Co. staff asks potential employees, but Jessica Lynn Tulek, a new and young journalism student at Conestoga College, laughed at the question.

"Obviously, she can't have a go in the store and realize that they don't know what the hell diversity means. I think that's a joke!" said Tulek.

In 2005 she and a friend were browsing a Hollister store in The Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, Ont., when she was approached by a worker who offered her a job.

She was informed that the interview would be in 20 minutes and that there would be a group of about 10 people

They were told that there were two job roles the "lead role" who took their place out on the floor and either others who worked in the back. Those in the back never actually appeared in the front of the store.

Tulek and the expectations were vague. They told the group that if they didn't look like the people on the runway eye bags, they wouldn't be hired, and that they had to be good looking. Some hired employees were expected to follow a strict "uniform" guide, such as having a "just off the beach look" on casuals, no tan columns, no sock lines, only one earring per ear only manures and hence or could be more but it had to look "natural", and clothing had to be navy and grey never black.

"I ended up walking out of



PHOTO BY KAREN HUNTER  
This help wanted sign outside of Hollister in Port Hope. Mark Kitchener, recent owner of Hollister, posted some people to sign and take credit for 2005.

the interview and end in the manager. I think the expectations you have for the job are unnecessary and make me not interested in being a part of that," said Tulek.

Hollister is set to open a new store in Fairview Park Mall, Kitchener, in November and their help wanted signs saying "Looking for real good-looking people," caused some people to stop and take a second glance.

The not only Hollister that has strict employment rules Jessica Brown, a Conestoga College journalism student wasn't hired by Hollister because the employee didn't think she would fit into their jobs.

After completing an online application, Brown was called in for an interview. When she got there the manager told her to leave because she

wouldn't get the job due to her weight.

"She said it wouldn't be me. I know in their business," said Brown. "The pushing the boundaries to say someone can't work there because of their weight or about they look like," she added.

According to a Sept. 28, 2009 article in the *ON Line Business Journal*, a lawsuit was filed against Hollister and Abercrombie and Fitch Clothing Co. Hollister's parent company, because they fired an employee who refused to wear a shirt above her knee due to her religious views.

That past month the Hollister store in Fairview mall changed its signs to "be young and stylish people."

Repeated attempts to talk to Hollister officials were unsuccessful.

## Community Support Connections needs volunteers

By KAREN HUNTER

Their mission is simple: to enable people to live in their homes with independence and dignity. Their methods are just as simple: help where help is needed.

Community Support Connections, made up of White and Black is an equal partnership of two community programs.

Blackwood Foundation Group for Seniors, Black and White and Community Home Support of Cambridge Mills on White of Kitchener Waterloo and KARE, Home Support Services for the elderly. They joined together in May 2005 to provide better services to the people of Waterloo Region.

Richard Horne, the agency's volunteer recruitment officer, called about who else got involved with Community Support Connections. "I worked for United for a couple of years, so I found that I felt the best when I could use the power of the media to help people." She also said that her media knowledge would be used to help the agency as well as those associated with it.

"It's all about helping. There is an example of someone who wanted to help. That is what Community Support Connections needs

We have a variety of support and services to help seniors achieve and adapt to their homes to stay in their homes as long as possible," she said.

It's all about helping – Rusked Home

There are many ways that students can get involved with Community Support Connections. Some of the programs that we can volunteer for are: Meals on Wheels (delivered, consistently during Sunday visiting transportation to and from appointments and shopping assistance). There are many more opportunities than these listed, as well as how to help the senior who lives in the house. You can find out about these positions at [www.communitysupportconnections.org](http://www.communitysupportconnections.org).

The most important part of volunteering is that you have a desire to help. What you don't have to be a great person, even if you're a teenager, or someone who can't read or write.

For those interested in volunteering, call 519-722-5187 and we'll show you what to help. The only condition is that you are willing to meet those in need.

## ASK THE PRO HOME RENOVATION SEMINAR OCT. 30



PHOTO BY KAREN HUNTER  
Peter Klabinski, co-ordinator of specialty programs at Conestoga College, shows off a demo room addition. His one of the props that will be used in a Home Made home renovation seminar. The seminar will be held at the Waterloo campus in the meeting centre building on Oct. 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information go to [atg.ccl.conestogacampus.ca/events/2010/10/seminarhome-renov](http://atg.ccl.conestogacampus.ca/events/2010/10/seminarhome-renov)

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A primer on today's municipal election for Conestoga students by Conestoga students

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# It's election day: get out and vote

By **SHARON CHARLIE**

At election time, everyone is encouraged to get out and vote. It can't be emphasized enough. Voter turnout for elections is low, but the municipal elections are no exception. Most people don't vote, probably thinking it's unimportant.

With today being municipal election day, you may have noticed the colourful signs along the city streets promoting candidates running in different wards. When you vote, you get to choose who the best candidate for your ward is. These people are running to try and make society a better place to live. Not only that, but voting is a right of our democracy.

Voter turnout for Kitchener municipal elections has ranged from 20 percent to 40 per cent according to the City of Kitchener website. Statistics from 2003's municipal election on the Region of Waterloo website show that the turnout was 35 per cent in Kitchener, 29 percent in Waterloo and 26 percent in Cambridge. Overall, it had about a 30 per cent voter turnout, which is much lower than the turnout for provincial and federal elections.

By voting, you're choosing the people who will make laws and policies and ultimately keep your city running. Municipal governments are involved in things such as, sewer lines, garbage collection, public transit, etc. There are important aspects of a city and you have a voice if you are not properly run. Have a voice as these decisions by voting.

Younger voters have shown the most apathy. Essentially electronic voting may change that, but, today, all of us must make more of an effort.

According to The Hamilton Spectator, McMaster University pulled its polling station this year due to voter apathy. In the 2003 municipal election only 10 votes were cast over three days of student run and one day of polling. The City of Hamilton has also chosen this year the poll at McMaster University due to low voter turnout. Part of the problem is many students come from the municipality nearby and, therefore, can't vote in the city they are currently living in.

However, most Conestoga College students live in the area, so they can't use this as an excuse. So, grab two pieces of photo ID and your voter card and head to your polling station. For democracy's sake.

The above letters represent the position of the respective person, and necessarily the author.

## Letters are welcome

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Scientists attach sensors to seals so that they can tag the ocean.

## Municipal election distracting

Candidate municipal election advertisements are an indicator of these municipal elections. The signs dominate lawns of private citizens and stop traffic while advertising to us vote for one municipal candidate date or another.

Apart from the mayor position, most of us probably have nothing about any of the other candidates and will probably vote based on which candidate seems most like their values, because that roughly aligns them with a federal or provincial party, right?

I know I probably would. Of course, that is if we had or were or will. Municipal elections are insignificant to the only level we should vote in, federal, in less than half the population. Considering how much (little) we understand about the candidates that may be a good thing. I'm going to vote right out and say it. If you don't understand the nature or the candidates' positions on them, don't bother to vote.

Thankfully, most of us are better rounded in we know up the levels of government. Sadly, that isn't true for ev-



Paul Irvine  
Spokes

ery level of ideology.

It is the municipal elections among us, most of us don't have any reason to be on political issues, and so I want to take the time to remind readers of this election about the disastrous job the Stephen Harper Conservatives did over the summer. Do you remember all those months ago? The Conservative party is coach on our forgetting all about it, with them to be the rule of an election this fall.

Just to recap, my hope the 32 billion spent on security for the G8 and G20 summit, the 18 billion Minister of International Trade Blankford Day promised to fund the construction of new prisons to house temporary criminals, 110 billion spent on leaving provinces from the United States to defend ourselves against the Russians.

I guess, not, of course, the answer sheet was waiting for all answers long, spending an extra 150 million to get out a few reliable stories, while waiting about how the current crisis was mostly wrong due to putting too many Conservatives (who did not want) into power the next day, but the mandatory long term.

All of this in part of a disappointing trend that is looking good the 2006 parallel from the US, where the Tea Party is having a disappointing effort. The Conservatives have been following a similar track, by repeating the same mistakes, badly and constantly enough to the hopes that Conservative voters will look on in those ideas, whether there is any truth to them or not.

Thankfully, I believe Conservatives are beginning their share of maybe a little too much destruction. If an election this fall, it hope that the voters remember when their government has been doing while repeating their failed responsibility.

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# Disability Services bridges the gap between students

By MICHELLE SPRADLIN

There are programs in Aspen, the bridge volunteer program has been helping to make relationships between students and those with disabilities and longer-term. Amy Board, resource coordinator for disability services, created the program to assist students in making meaningful transitions into college life.

"Initially, you're being trained to help the student work with someone," said Board. "You're put immediately to work up with them, and help them with getting to know Conestoga College and the services within the college." The volunteers have been handicapped and understand a lot of things to prepare them for their volunteer position. They were then perfectly matched to two students who will spend a few hours with them every week.

"We put them for lunch or coffee or something like that,



BRIDGE VOLUNTEERS

The Bridge Volunteer Program meets students with disabilities, helping them to adjust to college life. The program has 20 volunteers. They are, from left: Sarah Harbour, peer educator Stephanie Chen-Hsieh, Ann Johnson and Alexandra Winklerstein. Back row, from right, Wayne Winklerstein, Sarah Kapp, Amy Board, resource coordinator, Daniel Murray, Carly Hinchman, Jackie Johnson and Vanessa Merriam. Board and Ann Johnson are also students.

and talk about anything in their life," said Stephanie Chen-Hsieh, a second-year health information

management student. She got involved with the program through the job postings online, which also currently offers a

peer educator position.

"It was perfect for me," said Chen-Hsieh, who has had six volunteer experiences in education.

such as teaching and teaching children. In her experience, that only as volunteer experiences very important for this role, but experience with working with special needs is extremely an asset.

"A lot of them have volunteer and it's a couple of information and education and knowledge that they are bringing to the table," said Board.

So for the 20 volunteers, who are all current students, those working programs are enjoying their work. Dan Hsieh, who happens to be a student with a disability, began his work with help from a volunteer.

"I'm hoping that this program helps provide support for students in knowing that they're not alone. There's a lot of us out there with disabilities too," she said.

For those looking to help bridge the gap between students, please visit our website at [www.conestoga.ca/bridgedisability/volunteers/makebridgeapp](http://www.conestoga.ca/bridgedisability/volunteers/makebridgeapp).

## Heavy pockets create lighter hearts

By EMILY BARNETT

The space change of room, dorms at Conestoga College and Conestoga College are new change a life for the best. With a United Way fund-raiser, students are making changes that have helped in many people's wallets and now be put toward a good cause, through some friendly face competition.

Love with colored bags, including the different floor patterns at residence life, the first desk in the main lobby. Students can deposit their change in the jar that, each in their section as they pass by.

"Space change collection is a good way to encourage residents to donate," said resident officer Meredith Haring. "Space change is something all students have with them. I want for them to make compassionate donations even if it is a small change."

"This drive is more than just a donation, but also a competition. Students who want are invited to join the drive. Some can be put in one of the competitive pots. The pot with the most change will be the 'winner,' even though on the end, everyone is a winner, as the money goes toward a good cause. The floor with the most change comes in the pot will be a prize, which has not yet been determined."

"I'd like to thank Dan Hsieh, who has had six volunteer experiences in education,



PHOTO BY EMILY BARNETT  
Space change is being collected at the end of the United Way as part of a fundraising event every year.

"This fund-raiser is not only a good way to make students work together with their section, it is also a good way to get for students who have never thought of donating, or want to but just don't know how to do it."

"My hope for the fund-raiser event is to get students aware of the United Way campaign and to encourage ways of charity and support it brings to the community," Haring said in an email.

Students often say many events that give students the opportunity to give back to their community. For those who don't own their own vehicle or just don't have the time to volunteer, these events make donating easy.

"Students should participate in that event because it's a good cause and it will be beneficial to society which we all live and take part in," Haring said.

### COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Tina Anselmi

Most students experience stress weekly before tests. In fact, a little anxiety increases your stress and the anxiety increases your performance. Anxiety has not, and when the test is over, leaving a positive energy is increasing a successful day. When each student has a strong worry experience. Do you feel these thoughts could be better?

#### Worry about performance

- I should have studied more
- I can't remember anything this always happens to me
- My mind goes blank. I am not cut out for this
- I have to guess "A"

I'm going to stress up and look stupid.

#### Worry about what others are doing

- Everyone seems to know this stuff but me
- No one else looks like I do - I wish I was a hero!
- Everyone's finished before I start to think

#### Worry about negative consequences

- What if I fail? If I fail the course, the program. I'll never make anything of myself.
- If I don't get the job I want.
- If I never be able to do anything in my career.
- If I have to use something like in the course - how can I do that?

#### Worry about family reactions

- I feel stupid. I won't go through this.
- I'm wasting all my time
- How is it going? My family is watching my test scores.
- Normal people feel like this.
- I feel like I'm going to get sick. Maybe I should leave.



Any of the above issues become worry or anxiety, you may worry about your test scores or about being nervous. However, it is not a worry but of control, it is not a fear, something that you can learn to overcome. There are many factors that you can use which will help to reduce and manage it. Thought patterns, reduce the physiological anxiety response, and find the most effective techniques to control feeling like this anxiety.

What can you do? There are many things that you can do to overcome your anxiety with out anxiety. Here are a few suggestions:

- Work on appointments with a counsellor at Counselling Services to learn some effective test anxiety reduction strategies.
- Inquire about a Test Anxiety in the Performance Anxiety course's Behaviour group for help with the physiological symptoms in Conestoga's test.
- Read "Coping with Stress" by [www.conestoga.ca/bridgedisability/volunteers/makebridgeapp](http://www.conestoga.ca/bridgedisability/volunteers/makebridgeapp) in the LRC.

A Message From Counselling Services, LARC

# No matter what, Get Him to the Greek

By ROBERT COHEN

## Movie Review



Sex, drugs and rock and roll — no many of us long for the exciting and glamorous life of rock stars. For Jason Green, however, life in the music industry is filled with stress and misadventure as he tries desperately to connect with several rock stars. Jason Green is the hot film Get Him to the Greek.

Then open off of Fingerprint Sarah Marshall begins with more creative Jason Green (played by comedian Jason Priestly) releasing his daydreams and accompanying single, Adam Child Called "the worst thing to happen to Adam since yesterday the ignorant and offensive drunk talk show" career, sending him into a downward spiral of drinking and drug abuse. However, his local talent scout Jason Green has not gone up on his mind (played by Jason Hill Green) promises to his fans, based off Priestly's former single, Jason (Paul Diddy or Diddy, whatever he's calling himself now), that his new broken band play a 10th anniversary concert at the Greek Theatre. Jason agrees and changes his super Green with the look of getting the party and wild show from London to the Greek Theatre before tomorrow.

The simple task of catching

a few flights becomes a laborious encounter for the young Green and he wakes up eager.

Get Him to the Greek, despite Green being a completely inept character and Hill playing that same old, tired card, let's honest know the, as a funny and Greek film very much worth playing. Jason Green made his role as a British rock star and you can't help but laugh at the antics of Hill as he stumbles through his role as Green.

Jason Green "Diddy" Green delivers a surprisingly good performance as Jason. However, Green's musical performance, then, about the film quality low. Jason Green, after Adam Child, though his band still entered a studio. The movie also seemed to run a little long and I found myself wondering when this would all just end. Overall, however, the film takes some hard on these characters and shows them up into something that will have status as long as I give this movie four out of five stars.

## A GAGGLE OF GEESE FEEL A TOUCH OF FALL



PHOTO BY KEVIN HUGHES

A flock of geese enjoy one of the last warm days of the year on the pond at Coe College. The weather this week is supposed to be rainy, with the temperature averaging 32 C.

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# A polite Perez?

Perez Hilton, the man who is known for his highly disrespectful celebrity comments, says he has had a personality check and has decided to change his ways.

The controversial young blogger approached Ellen DeGeneres' producers saying he would like to appear on the show to make an announcement about his recent change of heart. He said DeGeneres' recent work on bullying motivated him to be kind.

Is this change of heart really coming from the heart? I don't think so.

In his Oct. 15 interview on the *Ellen* show, Hilton confessed that he wasn't aware people considered him a bully.

How can someone who put pieces of lives and effort into a blog that publishes others' misadventures (whether true or false) not know that he is guilty of bullying?

Including a photograph of Christina Aguilera and her husband's first (morning) pregnancy in their marriage site's feed, posting a picture taken of Miley Cyrus' shirt and telling a post "to get a butt on



Jessica Lynn  
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could feel?" only two hours after Michael Jackson's car chase arrest are just a few examples for posts that Hilton has shared with the public.

I don't believe Hilton is someone who, he says he is now aware that, toward the people he has ridiculed. His public cry for sympathy is just a strategic publicity stunt to benefit himself.

Now, I'm all for change and I believe that anyone deserves a second chance but after watching the interview on *VanPulse* I didn't buy any of it.

Hilton comes off extremely phony and evasive, which has resulted in a fun, annoying, blogging character.

A person can only go so far until their real personality comes to the surface.

Let's see if this change of heart results in a whole new Hilton.

## SPINNING SPOKES AND TWISTING WHEELS



PHOTO BY ADRIEN LEE

Kitchener, Ont., residents gather out on the streets this afternoon for the Kitchener-Blenheim Oktoberfest. The track is open during the biking season to residents who want to show off their BMX and mountain biking talents. The park caters to all levels.

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# Dancing star shines at fundraiser

BY NATHAN BOWEN

"Tonight would not have been a success without each and every one of you and Lynda Bauer to all who attended the third annual Dancing With the Stars fundraiser at St. George Hall in Waterloo. Through your attendance tonight, you're directly helping people with cancer and the caregivers in our community."

On the evening of Oct. 15, Bauer, who is the development and communications associate at Waterloo's Hopkings Cancer Support Centre, welcomed an enthrall of Hopkings all who attended Dancing With the Stars fundraiser.

Hopkings, which has been supporting people with cancer since 1995, raises money primarily through our grants and personal donations and third party fundraising.

This particular fundraiser displayed the talent of two vocalists and eight local dance stars from across Waterloo Region. Each dancer was paired with another experienced dancer to compete for the title of Dancing With the Stars champion.

Local dancer Everett Smith, who placed fourth in season two of the You Think You Can Dance Canada, attended as a celebrity judge and guest performer. Smith was pleased to be able to make an appearance at St. George Hall.

"It's for a great cause, it's an my local community, and unfortunately I don't get to perform as much so I would like to be a part of an event like this is a blessing," he said. "I'm always performing everywhere else, so being able to be a part of an event like this is a blessing."

According to Bauer, the goal was to raise \$90,000 which was nearly reached with the help of approximately 300 audience members who attended, each who paid \$50 for admission.

"What Bauer referred to as this year's 'bustle', said out loud" with "bustle" support from the community" was won by Dr. Janet MacLachlan, a local musician who performed jazz and songs with dance partner Paul Archer.

Hopkings hopes there will be a fourth annual Dancing With the Stars event, but whether it occurs will depend on the decisions of next year's organizers.



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOWEN

Local dancer Everett Smith placed fourth in season two of So You Think You Can Dance Canada's Smith was a celebrity judge for a Dancing With the Stars fundraiser.

## SIXTIES POP MUSIC A HIT IN WATERLOO



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOWEN

Members of local Waterloo band The Hazzard perform their tribute '60s pop-influenced songs at Starlight in Waterloo.

## BUILDING A BUILDING



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOWEN

Fourth-year architectural student and faculty member George Powell was assigned a terming project where they had to build a 3D four-story office building design for their semester design class. The project above was designed by Lewis Murray, first-year student from St. John's.

## IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOWEN

At Tractor & Tractor Ltd. owner Stuart Tractor stands alongside his wife (left) Jennifer and their son (right) as they stand next to a display of pumpkins. It's not too late to buy a pumpkin and get carving. Tractor Farm is located at 2025 Huron Rd. in Waterloo.

# JELL-O EATING CONTEST RESEMBLES SELF-INFLICTED FOOD FIGHT



Friday night, participating students waste Jell-O in the second round of Jell-O eating contest, getting messy up the nose.



Conestoga students competing in a Jell-O eating contest employed their tactics in an effort to finish their gelatin final. In second the fastest and cleanest mystery prize. The event, held by Conestoga Students Inc., took place in the Sanctuary on Oct. 15.

PHOTOS BY ERIN FARRAR



PHOTO BY NANCY LEVINGAGE

Paintings by Conestoga students were put on display in the sanctuary of the church. The artwork was set up in the sanctuary the week of Oct. 14.

## College's artists have heart

By NANCY LEVINGAGE

At Conestoga College there are hundreds of students with skills of all sorts. Despite the amount of talent that walks our hallways, it's not often we get a chance to show them off.

However, that all changed when Conestoga Students Inc. held an Art & Thon one section a couple of weeks ago which gave students the opportunity to paint and have their art showcased. The volunteers participated knowing the money raised from the sale would be given to worthy causes.

CGI watched the money raised from the auction dollar for dollar. Half the amount went to the United Way, with the other half going to its best business.

Tara Harriot, CGI's most

experienced, said she tries to hold events that result not in the different interests of students. As an artist herself, she wanted to give others an opportunity to express their passion for art at the school.

"I wanted to bring something to Conestoga that would get others aware of the talent that students have," Harriot said. "I was trying to focus on how to bring community and culture from the school."

Conestoga's Art Room donated supplies for the event, including canvases, paint brushes and paint. Each participant received supplies and was given two weeks to complete a painting to put up for auction.

Thirty students had signed up to participate, but due to the timing of the event and busy school schedules, about

half were able to enter their art for sale.

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Most, said Harriot, plans to hold the event again, but this time with a longer time frame for the artists to paint. She also wants to hold it earlier in the school year to avoid busy schedules, hopefully allowing more students to get involved.

# A mechanical melee

By CARABENNA ROBINSON

Pieces of metal go whizzing through the air, clanging off the bulletproof walls of the battle box. Two robots tilt toward each other and collide, shooting off enough sparks to celebrate a new Canada Day. The upcoming Madden of war robot tries the metal maul from the other, leaving it a sparkling mess of wires. This is what you would see in a robot combat tournament at The Foundry of Robots K&L, a new robot combat league in Richmond. The working board acquiring the resources to build teams means like this of these wars.

Michael Kowalski, 31, Spencer Ferguson, 31, and Josh Ketter, 32, all have a passion for robots. They start at Robots K&L after robot combat leagues in Ohio, New York and Saskatchewan shut down, leaving them with no tournament to enter.

"I was a little of a better robot to start out than I want to compete," said Kowalski. He's been building robots for about 25 years, although he has never built one for competition. He got into it when he was in college for offshore engineering. There was only so much he could do looking at computers in the computer or he'd be worried to apply his knowledge in a practical way.

"When better way to do it than to build something cool like this?" he said.

Ferguson started building robots when he was 15. He was inspired by a friend who went to Las Vegas to compete for the TV show *Robot Wars*. Ferguson plans to help new league members learn how to build robots of their own. Ketter looks forward to seeing Ferguson's first challenge.

"I got to be the teacher," he said. Ketter has been interested in robots since he was 12 but has never been able to get together the cash for parts. He has some designs

though, and with the start of the league hopes to finally be able to start building.

As the league comes together at Robots K&L hopes to acquire a marketplace and build of these ones to give members a safe and controlled area in which to build and test their robots. Ferguson is currently building a 90-pound robot using only a hacksaw, a power drill, a circular saw and a hand held rotary tool.

Most member leagues in the past have held tournaments three days apart. The main problem with that format is that if your robot has a design flaw, you have no time to fix it and compete again.

"You can start tape and epoxy it and try to make it work," said Kowalski. Robots K&L is planning to hold regular tournaments, every month or two, to give builders a chance to fix any flaws, with out working to dead tape, and be able to compete again relatively soon.

The battle box place made a bulletproof "battle box." Robots are equipped with weapons and are fully controlled by the builder.

"The entire point of the competition is to disable or destroy the other robot," said Ketter.

But the rules are strict. Robots must be built to fight and kill the other robot. Fighting League rules which are detailed in a 200 page rule book. According to the RFL, robots must not use liquids, magnets or projectiles.

Anything the robot throws must be retrievable.

Competitors are also expected to fight clean, starting with robots at least one foot off the ground.

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the battle does make it to the three-minute point, the winner is then decided by judges, based on design, dust, how much and aggressive.

The main difference for Robots K&L is that they hope to incorporate an autonomous element in their tournaments. Autonomous robots are robots that are not under control. They are programmed to find fight and kill the other robot on their own. This makes them more dangerous than radio-controlled robots.

The battle, both autonomous and radio controlled, are very dangerous for people. Professionals who compete for televised tournaments spend upwards of \$10,000 creating their combat robots, using mechanics and safety standards for industrial or even military use.

"This was when building," said Ketter. Most people at Robots K&L are not interested in the league.

"You could easily kill a person with these robots," said Kowalski.

Robots K&L took them when

the word gets out about their league, it will generate a list of interest, especially in the 18-30 age.

"I believe I was heavily into it," the technical look of Kowalski. But the interest isn't coming only from Richmond. Ferguson believes that people will come from all over Ontario, and even from other areas, when the league starts building regular events.

"They're all looking all the time looking for the latest one," he said.

Robots K&L is welcoming members who have any interest in combat robots even if they don't necessarily want to build one.

"We're looking for people who are going to help in every aspect," said Kowalski. If you want to be involved, they'll find a job for you, and there will plenty to do. They'll be looking for someone to help in numerous capacities: take care of media, relations, publicity and more. And even if you're not competing in the

league, even watching them is worth your time.

"It's a lot of fun," said Ferguson. "We're going to see some cool stuff when they start and go to the arena everywhere."

For more information about Robots K&L or to contact them, go to [www.robotsk&l.ca](http://www.robotsk&l.ca).



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Spencer Ferguson is currently building a 90-pound robot, without using only a hacksaw, a power drill, a circular saw and a hand held rotary tool.



Complete Control, a robot from the show *Robot Wars*, K&L members hope to eventually have the resources to build

# Life as we know it not as we knew it

New comedy offers audience more than mindless humour

by **STEPHAN LEE**

## Movie Review



Sometimes you just don't feel like mindless laughter. If you're in the mood for a movie with substance, consider the new comedy-drama *Life as We Know It*.

In the movie, when cancer ravages husband-writer Billy Berenson and playboy Ben Moore, who realized they were not meant to be, but when their best friends get married, she resigned her self to the fact that Moore would be in her life for a long time.

When tragedy strikes, however, Berenson and Moore must come together under the same roof to care for their goddaughter Sophie.

Although the movie was classified as a comedy, it held only a few laughable moments. But what it lacked in comedy, it made up for with excellent acting and a completely believable feel to the events.

Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel did effectively go down sides showing the love, loss and learning of raising a

child, and the pain and frustration that comes from both a child and the situation.

Though the supporting cast seemed like they were designed to be forgotten, one role will be remembered for a long time to come. Frances Long needed the typical Atlanta rich donor and his actions were hilarious when confronting school-kill young Sophie without a car.

*Life as We Know It* contained a wonderful sub plot, one that words cannot do justice.

I would not describe this film as a comedy, but as a drama. Nonetheless, it was more than worth the price of admission.

I give it five out of five stars.



ORIGINAL PHOTO

Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel (played by Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel) experience the temporary world that is parenthood, when their goddaughter Sophie finds in their care. *Life as We Know It* opened in theaters on Oct. 5.

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# 'Dying art form' comes to life

"Tattooing people is better than any drug out there"



PHOTO BY JESSICA-AYAN MARR

Devin Dauster tattooed a bear's neck at Moxie's, a tattoo parlor in Bayfield Mall in Barrie, Ont.

By JESSICA-AYAN MARR

"Although it's getting more popular like dying art form, because the more we work on will one day die," said 20-year-old tattoo artist Devin Dauster.

Deposited from the small town of Rossmore, Ont., Dauster moved to Barrie halfway through high school where he continued his education at Cardinal Carter.

"All throughout high school I took art classes. I never really found it too much of a challenge," said Dauster. "I think that's where I learned the most about art. High school teachers. I find are the best, especially if they're young because they know how to shape young minds."

With his mother being an artist, who was a huge influence on him. When he showed interest in pursuing art in post-secondary school he wanted to go to perfect his craft.

"I knew I had these skills in art, I just didn't know how I wanted to use them," he said. Dauster's passion at Conestoga College art fundamentals program after coming home from a weekend of school, he was asked to work at a local shop, Fratini.

Dauster, in his hometown. Growing up there he was recognized for the artwork he had created.

"I started my apprenticeship in April 2008," said Dauster. "At first my parents didn't really approve. My mom kind of liked it a bit but they thought it was going to get in the way of my school, then I explained to them that they would allow me to pay for college myself... well, of course they were right on board."

Dauster describes Fratini Dauster as a sort of "father" kind of shop.

"They did everything there in an old-school way, from the way they dealt with customers to using all the pictures off the net and not putting any real, custom-made custom work," he said. "In fact, I just don't do wrong. I know what it's like to tattoo in the 80s because I worked at that shop." Dauster left Fratini Dauster to work at another shop in Bayfield Mall in Barrie, called Moxie's, where there are no pictures on the walls and staff do personally custom work. Customers walk in, ask for a tattoo and it is done up on the spot.

"It suits me more being able

to produce anything that people ask to get done, well, mostly," he said. Dauster says he has a love affair with the "tattoo walk in."

Lately he has been looking for at least three weeks of a tattoo, which doesn't allow him any time for walk in.

"A lot of right now I sometimes draw my hand experiments on the spot because it gives me that fresh engraved feel. It also has a bit of a walk in feel to it too," he said.

Over the years Dauster has met many artists. One in particular, Crystal McIlvermont, opened his eyes to the real world of tattooing. McIlvermont had a traditional tattoo style, where everything is solid grey, full and heavy. This makes her designs, after they heal, look the same as they did when the customer left the shop. "With my style of art having a realistic style even looking tattoo perfectly and could be something up slightly looked," he said.

She also made him fall in love with this work, a mutual part of tattooing in order to make them less in tattooing. The way I see it now is it's going to look like crap in 10 years, which is the point in doing it," he said. Last work in the nation of a tattoo. By tattooing the blackness in the tattoo, it makes the tattoo last longer, as black is the hardest ink to fade.

In June, Dauster went to his first tattoo convention where his perception of tattooing changed forever. "I like it because walking up and down the sides of the convention, watching all the artists at work. I didn't hold myself back from asking all the questions. I needed to know. After asking questions that I'm sure they also gave asked questions, they looked at me as an equal. I hoped I was there for an entire weekend and by the end of it, when I walked around to meet friends, they recognized me as the kid who spent with a focus, for tattooing knowledge."

"If tattooing was addictive, tattooing people is better than any drug out there — it's a rush like no other," Dauster said. "Doing something that will last a lifetime just has something more pleasurable about it. That's what drives every good tattooist, to not, sleep, and breathe it. Tattooing is now an essential part of my life to have fulfilled in life."

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# Aud renovations proposed

By GREGORY SHANNON

For those native to the area, the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium has become a familiar and recognizable establishment. It is a place where the almost every one has attended, at least of one of the many events that have taken place there. It has hosted a variety of concerts, tournaments and, of course, Kitchener Rangers games. This year, the team has pushed a multimillion-dollar expansion plan to the city to modernize the 60-year-old Don Carillo arena. "I think it's a great idea," said Adam Wheeler, a general and arena manager. "Through, expanding the Aud, the Rangers will increase their profits and can work towards becoming a better team. This is a new room for facilities to come and enjoy the game together. The proposal suggests that the roof be heightened to cre-

ate an upper level, allowing for at least 3,000 more seats. Currently, the complex seats about 6,000 people. However, due to a high demand for season tickets, the Rangers think that the expansion is necessary to allow more fans. "The renovations would also include a Kitchener Rangers Hall of Fame and retail opportunities," said Steve Boudewyn, chief operating officer of the Kitchener Rangers.

According to 570News, the pitch proposed a new arena to be constructed as an addition to the Kitchener. However, the roof will stay in place. The team has come to an agreement, that if the expansion plan is approved, it would simply be a re-wrapping of the current arena.

"You have coming to the Aud for years," said Adam Wheeler, a general ticket holder and avid Ranger fan.

"I think it's a good idea. I think that in (renovating) is good for the community to spend time together and bring people in."

Although the proposal has been briefly brought in the table, it will not be until after the last election that it will be fully investigated. Renovations could cost up to \$44 million.

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**I think that a remodel of the old building would save a lot of money. It needs to be revamped.**

— Duane Wheeler

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If approved, renovations will not start on the West Avenue building until May 2012. "We are very excited about these plans," said Boudewyn.

## Maple Leafs will make playoffs

You either love them or you hate to hate them.

The Toronto Maple Leafs, many people agree, have the most hated name in sports. Like me, my family has memories and parents for the years.

After several years of incidents, unfortunately, and after the Leafs finally look like they're turning things around. From what I've seen so far in the past season and through the first four months of the regular season, I can tell you one thing: Toronto will make the playoffs this year.

All those Leaf hater and their fans are probably laughing hysterically as you read this, thinking that they got ahead of me. But the Leafs and their fans will be enjoying a few cold beers, maybe a couple hot wings and, of course, a few rounds of golf.

Both the franchise and their fans are one and the same of being and being on the outside looking in. If you've watched them play you would know that a completely different team than in recent years.

Speed, you and acceleration. Last season's team of the year, in the team looked all these things, not to mention several others. This year, they're playing with all that you remember heart and hustle. Over the last few years Leafs general manager Brian Burke has done a



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great job of getting his team on the ice. He's brought in a new coaching staff, management as well as key players.

Burke's teams usually consist of strong defense, physical gritty players and fighters ready to drop the gloves at any given moment.

After starting 4-3 the Leafs are currently sitting their marks. Four games into the season and forwards Mike Brown and the great Colton Heise have two fights apiece and the Leafs lead in the beginning of the season. Many know the Leafs would be a physical team that wouldn't get pushed around. But come on, it's the Leafs' reputation for cheating and consistently blowing third period leads.

In their home arena, the Leafs almost lose the game versus the Montreal Canadiens. However, goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere stole the show and made two critical saves with under a minute left.

After blowing out a strong play Detroit Redwings, the Leafs came from behind and beat the Pittsburgh

Penguins 4-3. The Leafs followed a hot on Oct. 10 versus the New York Rangers in which they had a two-goal lead in the third period. Legit fans are well familiar with this. However, instead of throwing in the towel, Toronto persevered as Kessel netted the overtime winner.

The key in the first four games has been secondary scoring from Gerdle, Patrick Marleau and former Buffalo Sabres Claude Giroux. In addition, the Leafs have gotten something they haven't had in past years, strong goaltending.

In recent seasons the Leafs haven't had good goaltending. After experimenting with Ryan Tompkins, Justin Pogge, Scott Clemmensen, Andrew Raycroft and a few others, the Leafs finally seem to have a good two-headed monster with Giguere and Swedish superstar Jonas Gustavsson.

Goalkeeping second, behind Montreal the Toronto franchise has won a total of 13 Stanley Cups. After several years of rebuilding under new management, the team hopes they can make it 14 this year.

In all, saying the Leafs will win it all this season. However, I do think it's hard to beat Kim Wilson keeps his team focused and gets them to continue to play smart hockey. Toronto will catch a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

## HOROSCOPE

Week of October 23, 2009

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

You will be picked up a car this week. You'll find it useful when you get dragged into a bank robbery.

### Libra

September 23 - October 23

You will spend this week watching reruns of *Amos 'n' Andy* on the tube. You will be the highlight of your week. Sorry.

### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You will be haunted by a friendly ghost who makes himself at home. You'll wish he was gone by week 2.

### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Do you remember that time years ago you dressed up as a *Cats* liner? Prepare that costume. No, not for Halloween. Just trust me.

### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Golden will read your mind this week, but it's simple. You didn't need the crystal anyway.

### Sagittarius

November 21 - December 21

Every time you visit while you're on vacation, you'll actually design a tank. No, seriously. They're not the 4. He should.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

You're going to find that every minute you see on Halloween is made up of nothing but bones. This should probably make you

### Capricorn

January 19

Dressing up as yourself is not actually getting paid. Make costumes in the nature of Halloween. It's just how.

### Leo

July 23 - August 22

Halloween will bring an attack by a cowardly lion. Be prepared. Carry a firecracker. He'll never know what hit him.

### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Your plan to dress up as Mr. Devo, however it goes, is terrible. It's totally got to be Puppets are mandatory.

### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

A small child in a red devil costume will offer you any thing you want as long as you sign a contract. Take him up on it.

### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Be sure to push an extra sandwich before you head out. You're going to get lost somewhere on Elm Street, and it's going to be a while before you are rescued.

Paul Davis carefully examines the ruins and then agrees them for your enjoyment.



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